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SUBJECT: GRENADA AS SITE OF NEXT OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REF: BRIDGETOWN 1316

1. MISSION SHARES YOUR CONCERN AS REGARDS HOLDING 1977
OAS GA IN GRENADA. WE HAVE EXPRESSED OUR CONCERN TO THE
SECRETARY GENERAL'S STAFF WHICH IS ALSO AWARE THAT GRENADA
PRESENTS MOST UNUSUAL LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS.

2. WE UNDERSTAND OAS CONFERENCE DIRECTOR JUAN NINO IS
PLANNING TRIP TO GRENADA END OF AUGUST OR FIRST WEEK
SEPTEMBER TO CONSULT WITH GOVERNMENT AND WILL PRESUMABLY
BRING DETAILED INFORMATION CONCERNING OVERALL LOGISTICAL
REQUIREMENTS.

3. AS REGARDS THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING,
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THIS VARIES FROM YEAR TO YEAR. FOR INSTANCE, IN 1975

MEETING IN ATLANTA SECRETARIAT ESTIMATES OF ATTENDANCE WERE: DELEGATION MEMBERS 250; OBSERVERS 100; PRESS, RADIO, TV REPS 100; SECRETARIAT STAFF 400; OTHERS 200 FOR TOTAL OF 1,050. AT THE CHILE MEETING SECRETARIAT ESTIMATES SHOW: DELEGATION MEMBERS 170; OBSERVERS 60; PRESS REPS 100; OAS STAFF 96, PLUS 62 PERSONS CONTRACTED IN CHILE.

4. FOR THE SANTIAGO MEETING THE OAS BUDGETED \$500,000 WITH THE ACTUAL TOTAL EXPENDED NOT YET AVAILABLE. OAS OFFICIALS STATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES UP TO \$750,000 TO PROVIDE FOR CONTRACTING 42 PERSONS PLUS COST OF TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, SECURITY AND FACILITIES, ETC. ACTUAL TOTAL EXPENDED IS NOT YET KNOWN.

5. AT THIS TIME WE DO NOT HAVE DETAILS ON ANTICIPATED SPACE NEEDS AT GRENADA MEETING BUT SUCH MEETINGS REQUIRE LARGE CENTRAL ASSEMBLY HALL WITH INTERPRETER BOOTHS ETC., ADEQUATE SPACE FOR AT LEAST FIVE COMMITTEES ON WHICH ALL GOVERNMENTS ARE REPRESENTED, PLUS OFFICE SPACE FOR LARGE OAS SECRETARIAT SUPPORT STAFF. IN ADDITION THERE IS NEED FOR ADEQUATE TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORT TO CITY AS WELL AS DAILY TRANSPORTATION FROM HOTELS TO MEETING SITE, MODERN FACILITIES FOR WITHIN COUNTRY AND INTER-NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS, EFFECTIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE SECURITY CAPABILITY WITH SPECIAL PROTECTION FOR ALL MINISTERIAL RANK REPRESENTATIVES. HABIB

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